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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: LITHIUM-COBALT COMPOSITE

OXIDE, PROCESS FOR ITS

PRODUCTION,

POSITIVE ELECTRODE FOR LITHIUM SECONDARY CELL

EMPLOYING IT, AND

LITHIUM SECONDARY CELL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Α,

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

4. (Amended) The hexagonal lithium-cobalt composite oxide for a lithium secondary cell according to Claim 1, wherein the packing press density of the hexagonal lithium-cobalt composite oxide is from 2.90 to 3.35 g/cm³.

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